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News Briefs

1983 IS 50TH CCC ANNIVERSARY:

This year will be the 50th anniversary of the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC). CCC alumnus Andy M. Kmetz of Champaign, Ill. is compiling information and pictures for a historical book on the CCC and its forestry projects.

Andy says he needs more material on the early days of CCC, and asked that anyone who is interested send him stories of their experiences in camps or on work projects, reports of interesting or humorous incidents, or photographs of the camps, men or work projects. The book is a non-profit, historical project.

Andy's address is 1715 W. Haven Dr., Champaign, IL, 61820.

The CCC did a large number of important natural resources projects and the results of its work can still be seen throughout the country. The Forest Service played a vital part in the program by providing work projects for the men in the CCC camps.

The third annual National CCC Alumni Meeting will be in Rhinelander, Wis., next fall.

Legislation

HECTOR LUP IS PROPOSED ADDITION TO GREEN MOUNTAIN NF: H.R. 24, introduced on Jan. 3 by Rep. Frank Horton (R-NY), would make the Hector Land Utilization Project a part of the Green Mountain National Forest. The 13,232-acre Hector unit is the only Forest Service-administered land in the State of New York. It is administered as an

independent unit by the Green Mountain staff. It is one of several areas presently being considered for possible disposal under the President's Asset Management Program.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT:

The Surface Transportation Act was signed by President Reagan on Jan. 6. Nearly hidden in the provisions of this act affecting highways, are amendments to the Reforestation Trust Fund, as authorized by the Act of Oct. 14, 1980. The amendments direct the Secretary of Agriculture to spend all amounts in the fund in fiscal years (1983-85). For FY '83, not less than \$104 million is specified.

If not spent, the funds can be carried over from year to year. If money still remains in the fund by Oct. 1, 1985, the expiration date of the Act, the amendments provide that the funds shall be distributed to the States for use in State Forestry Programs.

ALASKA RAILROAD WOULD BE GIVEN TO STATE:

H.R. 3420, a bill dealing with pipeline safety and several railroad issues, including the Alaska Railroad, has been passed by the Congress and sent to the President for his consideration. Title VI of the bill provides for transferring the ownership of the Alaska Railroad from the United States to the State of Alaska. The railroad is presently operated by the Department of Transportation. Most of the 11,870 acres of right-of-way, including 1,410 acres of the Chugach National Forest, are to be conveyed in fee, to the state.

New Releases

*The following publication was recently issued by the Washington Office, and is available from Regional Offices, Stations and Area Offices. It is not for sale by the Government Printing Office.

An Analysis Of The Timber Situation
In The United States, 1952-2030.

This is the centennial of the first comprehensive analysis of the timber situation in the United States. This work is a continuation of efforts that began long ago.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. M. Peterson".

Chief